

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Sunday, March 18, 2018



**Thank you for joining us today!**

If you seek a caring community, are seeking answers to today's problems, or an experience to connect with God,  
You can find it here within our church family.

For information about ministries and weekly Connect Groups,  
Visit our Welcome Center or our website at  
[www.mortonumc.org](http://www.mortonumc.org).

**We are “Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.”**

# Sunday Worship Celebration

UMCOR Sunday – *One Great Hour of Sharing*

March 11, 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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## **Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

**\*Call to Worhsip** Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason we kneel before the Father

**For whom every family in heaven and on earth  
derives its name**

We pray that out of his glorious riches

**He may strengthen us with power through his  
Spirit so that Christ may dwell in our hearts  
through faith**

And being rooted and established in the love of Christ

**We may have power together with all the  
Lord's holy people**

To grasp how wide and long is the love of Christ

**To grasp how high and deep is the love of  
Christ**

To know this love that surpasses knowledge

**That we may be filled to the measure of all the  
fullness of God**

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 529

*How Firm A Foundation*

**\*Sharing in the Fellowship and Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message** (8:00 a.m.) Pastor Gary Feldman

**Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** (9:30 a.m.) Choir  
*There is a Green Hill Far Away*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn of Prayer** UMH 526  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 2)*

**Ministry of Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (...forgive us our 'sins'...)

**Special Music** (8:00 a.m.) Choir  
*There Is A Green Hill Far Away*

**Scripture** Eph 3:14-21

**Message** Pastor Gabe Wanck  
*The Priorities of Prayer*

**\*Hymn of Service** CH 352  
*O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

**\*Benediction**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able*

**HEAD USHERS:** Chuck Birchenough, Dave Gilbert,  
Connie & Steve Klein.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Potts and Sager family in honor of Justin Sager.

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Chloe Walters & Nyameye Maison  
9:30 Brecken Carter & Grant Franklin

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Pat Zimmerman & Jan Pontius  
9:30 Gene & Jim Davis

# Cross Connections Worship Service

We welcome you to our Cross Connections service as we gather for this time of worship.

March 11, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Ephesians 3:14-21

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*The Priorities of Prayer*

Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING PRAYER

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

# Sermon Notes

*Prayer Life!*

*"The Priorities of Prayer"*

## **TODAY - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Today, we will be asking for your contributions to help The **United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR**, formerly known as **One Great Hour of Sharing**.. Your generous gifts ensure UMCOR's response in times of crisis anywhere in the world.

All contributions will go to UMCOR unless specified otherwise.



### **Juarez Mission Trip**

Jayson Campbell, Nikki Campbell, Eric Hansen, Marj Orth, Kristen Schick, Amy Smith & Zak Smith

Please lift up our Juarez Mission Team in your prayers.



XYZ... Extra Years of Zest

### ***Fiddler on the Roof***

Sunday, March 18

Leave church at 1 p.m.

Lynn will have your preordered tickets.

We will go for dinner after the play.

### **Movie "All Saints"**

March 23 at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room, popcorn will be provided.



### **Prayer and Fasting**

**Wednesday, March 14**

**12:10-12:50 p.m.**

Come and meet with Pastor Gary and others for prayer and fasting during this Lenten season.

## ***Prayer Life!...Lenten Sermon Series***

How is your prayer life? That's a question we sometimes want to avoid, but it's a question that needs to be asked and answered from time to time. Prayer is that vital connection with Jesus that guides, sustains and gives nourishment to our relationship with Him. Since Jesus is our model for what a prayer life is like, we would be wise to learn from Him. Just as He was in constant communication with His Heavenly Father, so we should be in constant communion with our LORD.

We are starting a new series of sermons on prayer, titled ***Prayer Life!*** Over the next several weeks we will be exploring how prayer not only sustains life but that it can be a lifestyle for every believer!

3/11 – Gabe Wanck      5. Prayer Priorities: Eph. 3:14-21  
3/18 – Gary Feldman    6. Praying Like Jesus – Jn. 17

## **Methodist Kids FUN NIGHT!**

Children's Ministry presents the March Fun activity—FUN NIGHT at John Williams Tumbling Gym!! On March 23 from 6:00-8:00, we will be meeting OVER at Jon Williams Tumbling Gym, 258 Springfield Road, East Peoria, IL for Pizza and FUN TIME! This Gym has SO MANY fun things to do! Cost per child will be \$5 to help us defray the cost of rental and pizza! Parents are responsible for transportation! Please RSVP to AMY by Wednesday, March 22!



## **East Bay Work Day**

March 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30-2:00

Join Pastor Gabe next Saturday for a morning of fun serving the Lord. We will be doing various service projects at East Bay Camp in Hudson IL. Enjoy the great outdoors, work with your hands, and help prepare the site for others to experience God's amazing love. All skill levels welcomed.

Leaving the church parking lot at 7:30

Lunch Provided



## **Mark The Calendar**

- **March 22** Folding Footprints
- **March 23** Kids Night Jon Williams Tumbling Gym
- **March 26-30** Prayer Service - 6:30 a.m.
- **March 30** Good Friday Service at Noon
- **April 1** Easter Sunday
- **April 11** Last W.A.T.CH
- **April 14** Every Daughter Brunch



## **ATTENDANCE PADS**

Please sign & pass the attendance pads, found at the end of the row, during the greeting time and return them to the first person in the row to be picked up after the service.

*Cross Connections* attendance sheets are on each table.

## **NURSERY**

Child Care is available during worship services for INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE FOUR in our staffed nursery.

## **CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Please let the church know if you or a member of your family is hospitalized. **The hospital does not notify us.**

### **RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:**

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Lois Lichti, Karen Smothers, John Westbrook

**SYMPATHY TO:** The Sager-Potts family. Nicole Potts brother Justin Sager, died on Friday, March 2, 2018.

# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, March 11**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing UMCOR Sunday**

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G

## **Monday, March 12**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study  
Pastor Gabe, Yr
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

## **Tuesday, March 13**

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Pastor Gary, OS
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, March 14**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 5:00 pm W.A.T.CH Meal, G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L
- 6:00 pm Lite Life, GA
- 5:30 pm Amplify, OS
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

## **Thursday, March 15**

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, G
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:30 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing
- 6:00 pm Pickleball, G
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, March 16**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S

## **Saturday, March 17**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

## **Sunday, March 18**

### **Blood Pressure Sunday**

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G
- 1:00 pm XYZ- Fiddler on the Roof
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, GA

G-Gym,  
L-Library,  
S-Sanctuary  
GA-Gathering Area  
OS-Off Site  
YR-Youth Room  
PO-Pastor Office  
K-Kitchen  
CR-Copy Room